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FOLLOWING CAIRO 16457 SENT ACTION TO SECSTATE INFO DAMASCUS
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 16457

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GOE QUERY RE UPI PRESS REPORT

1. AT FAHMY'S BEHEST,THE CHEF DE CABINET, USAMA AL BAZ, ASKED ME TO CALL TODAY. AL BAZ NOTED THAT UPI HAS CARRIED A NOV 26 REPORT, DATELINED BEIRUT, THAT UNIDENTIFIED "RIGHTIST SOURCES" IN BEIRUT ALLEGEDLY LEARNED DURING A VISIT TO DAMASCUS PREVIOUS DAY OF "CONTACTS" BETWEEN SARG AND USG AND USG AND ISRAEL. AS A RESULT OF THESE "CONTACTS," ISRAEL AGREED TO REFRAIN FROM ANY MILITARY OPERATIONS ALONG THE BORDER ON CONDITION THAT SARG "KEEPS AN EYE" ON THE PALESTINIANS AND PREVENTS THEM FROM CONDUCTING ANY TERRORITST ACTIVITIES AGAINST ISRAEL. ISRAEL ALSO REPORTEDLY AGREED TO PERMIT SOME "SYMBOLIC" UNITS OF ADF TO ENTER TYRE IN ORDER TO SUPERVISE THE PORT AND PATROL OUTSKIRTS. REPORT ADDED THAT SOME PALESTINIANS HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM POSITIONS IN THE
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SOUTH AS A RESULT OF PRESSURE FROM THE PRO-SYRIAN SAIQA.

2. AL BAZ INDICATED FAHMY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF IT IS TRUE
THAT SUCH USG "CONTACTS" HAVE BEEN HELD AND THAT SUCH AN UNDERSTAND-
ING RESULTED FROM THEM. PLEASE ADVISE.
EILTS UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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